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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~node switching~~ method of controlling the execution enablement/disablement of ~~for~~ I/O requests from plural host computers to a disk device, ~~so as to perform the switching to a node which is capable of executing said I/O requests, said node switching~~ said method comprising: the steps of:

in said host computers,

transmitting access-right change commands to said disk device, ~~in advance,~~ said access-right change commands including one piece or plural pieces of information ~~resulting from causing having~~ I/O-enable/disable information and host identification information to correspond to each other in a one-to-one correspondence manner, said I/O-enable/disable information indicating whether or not said disk device will execute said I/O requests from said host computers, said host identification information ~~being designed for~~ identifying said respective host computers, and

issuing, to said disk device, said I/O requests to which said host computers have added said host identification information; and  
in said disk device,

changing ~~in a batch of~~ said I/O-enable/disable information on each host-computer basis in accordance with said access-right change commands from said host computers, and ~~simultaneously~~ storing and

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holding said I/O-enable/disable information access-right change  
commands in an access-right management table,

identifying said-request-source host computers in response to  
said I/O requests from said host computers, and,

based on said host identification information and said I/O-  
enable/disable information ~~that said disk device has held~~ held in said  
access-right management table, determining to enable or disable  
judging said execution enablement/disablement for said I/O requests to  
be executed on each host-computer's node basis.

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~node-switching~~ method according to Claim 1,  
~~further comprising the steps of:~~

in said host computers,

transmitting path information to said disk device, ~~in advance,~~  
said path information ~~resulting from causing having~~ said host  
identification information and path identification information to  
correspond to each other, said path identification information being  
~~designed for identifying~~ all of logical paths from said host computers to  
said disk device, and

issuing said I/O requests to which said host computers have  
added said path identification information; and

in said disk device,

storing and holding said path identification information  
transmitted from said host computers,

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extracting said path identification information from said I/O requests transmitted from said host computers, extracting said host identification information corresponding to said path identification information stored and held, and ~~simultaneously~~ extracting said I/O-enable/disable information with which said host identification information extracted coincides, and

judging, using the extracted said I/O enable/disable information,  
~~said execution enablement/disablement~~ whether to enable/disable each  
I/O request for said I/O requests on each host-computer's node basis.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~node switching~~ method according to Claim 1, ~~further comprising: the steps of:~~

if an I/O-disable command is included in said I/O-enable/disable information in said access-right change commands transmitted from said host computers, then in said disk device,

extracting, from among said access-right change commands, host identification information corresponding to said I/O-enable/disable information with respect to all of I/O-disable commands included in said same access-right change commands, and

updating I/O-enable/disable information for host identification information into an I/O-disable state, said host identification information coinciding with said host identification information extracted and being stored and held in said disk device, and

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if an I/O-enable command is included in said I/O-enable/disable information in said access-right change commands transmitted from said host computers,

then in said disk device,

extracting, from among said access-right change commands, host identification information corresponding to said I/O-enable/disable information with respect to all of I/O-enable commands included in said same access-right change commands, and

updating said I/O-enable/disable information for host identification information into an I/O-enable state, said host identification information coinciding with said host identification information extracted and being stored and held in said disk device.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~node-switching~~ method according to Claim 3, wherein

said processing of updating said I/O-enable/disable information for said host identification information into said I/O-enable state is kept waiting for all of I/Os to be completed, and is executed after ~~the~~ completion of all of said I/Os, with said host identification information being stored and held in said disk device, and all of said I/Os being in processing in said host computers.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~node-switching~~ method according to Claim 2, wherein

said disk device is configured to include plural logical disks resulting from logically dividing an assembly of disk drives,

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said host computers,

transmitting said access-right change commands to said disk device, ~~in advance,~~ said access-right change commands including one piece or plural pieces of information ~~resulting from causing having said~~ I/O-enable/disable information, said host identification information and logical-disk identification information ~~to correspond to each other,~~ said I/O-enable/disable information indicating whether or not said disk device will execute said I/O requests from said host computers, said host identification information ~~being designed for identifying said~~ respective host computers, and said logical-disk identification information ~~being designed for identifying said~~ logical disks, and

issuing, to said disk device, said I/O requests to which said host computers have added said logical-disk identification information and said path identification information;

said disk device,

changing ~~in a batch of~~ said I/O-enable/disable information on each host-computer basis in accordance with said access-right change commands from said host computers, and ~~simultaneously storing and~~ holding said access-right change commands,

extracting said path identification information from said I/O requests transmitted from said host computers, extracting said host identification information corresponding to said path identification information from said access-right change commands stored and held, and extracting said I/O-enable/disable information for which said host

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identification information extracted and logical-disk identification  
information on logical disks selected as targets of said I/O requests  
coincide with each other, and

judging, using the extracted I/O-enable/disable information, said  
execution-enablement/disablement whether to enable/disable each I/O  
request for said I/O requests on each host-computer's node basis.

6. (Currently Amended) The ~~node-switching-method~~ according to Claim 5,  
wherein said extraction of said I/O-enable/disable information comprising: ~~the steps~~  
~~of:~~

extracting said logical-disk identification information and said host  
identification information from said access-right change commands, and  
extracting said I/O-enable/disable information whose logical-disk identification  
information and host identification information coincide with said logical-disk  
identification information and said host identification information extracted.

7. (Currently Amended) A ~~node-switching-method~~ of controlling said  
~~execution-enablement/disablement for of~~ I/O requests from plural host computers to  
a disk device, ~~so as to perform the switching to a node which is capable of executing~~  
~~said I/O requests, said node-switching said method comprising,~~

wherein said host computers ~~possesses~~ possess plural application  
processes, and wherein said application processes including: ~~includes the steps of:~~

transmitting access-right change commands to said disk device,  
~~in advance,~~ said access-right change commands including one piece

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or plural pieces of information ~~resulting from causing having~~ I/O-  
enable/disable information and application-process identification  
information to correspond to each other in a one-to-one  
correspondence manner, said I/O-enable/disable information indicating  
whether or not said disk device will execute said I/O requests from said  
application processes, said application-process identification  
information ~~being designed for~~ identifying said respective application  
processes, and,

issuing, to said disk device, said I/O requests to which said  
application processes have added said application-process  
identification information; and

said disk device including operations of: ~~includes the steps of:~~

changing ~~in a batch of~~ said I/O-enable/disable information on  
each application-process basis in accordance with said access-right  
change commands from said application processes, and  
~~simultaneously storing and holding~~ said I/O-enable/disable information  
in an access-right management table, access-right change commands,

identifying ~~said request-source~~ application processes in  
response to said I/O requests from said application processes, and,

based on said application-process identification information and  
said I/O-enable/disable information ~~that said disk device has held, and~~  
~~judging said execution enablement/disablement held in said access-~~  
right management table, determining whether to enable/disable for

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said I/O requests to be executed on each application-process's node basis.

8. (Currently Amended) An information processing system configured to control ~~the execution enablement/disablement for of~~ I/O requests from plural host computers to a disk device, comprising: so as to perform the switching to a node which is capable of executing said I/O requests,

each of said host computers including: comprising:

an I/O request unit for issuing ~~said an~~ I/O request to which said I/O request unit has added host identification information for identifying said respective host computers, and

an access-right change command unit for transmitting an access-right change command to said disk device, said access-right change command including one piece or plural pieces of information ~~resulting from causing having~~ I/O-enable/disable information and said host identification information ~~to correspond~~ to each other in a one-to-one correspondence manner, said I/O-enable/disable information indicating whether or not said disk device will execute said I/O requests from said host computers; and

said disk device including: comprising:

an access-right management table for storing and holding said access-right change commands from said host computers,

an access control unit for identifying ~~said-request-source~~ host computers of said I/O requests, and for judging said execution



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~~enablement/disablement for whether to enable/disable~~ said I/O requests to be executed on each host-computer basis, ~~from-based upon~~ said host identification information and said access-right management table, and

an access-right change unit that, in accordance with said access-right change commands from said host computers within said access-right management table, changes in a batch of said I/O-enable/disable information on each host-computer basis, ~~within said access-right management table,~~

said disk device judging ~~said execution enablement/disablement for whether to enable/disable~~ said I/O requests on each host-computer's node basis, with said host computers being said I/O request sources.

9. (Currently Amended) The information processing system according to Claim 8, wherein

each of said host computers ~~further~~ comprises a path-information transmission unit for transmitting path information to said disk device, said path information ~~resulting from causing~~ having said host identification information and path identification information ~~to correspond~~ to each other, said path identification information ~~being designed for identifying~~ all of logical paths from said host computers to said disk device,

said disk device ~~further~~ comprising a path-information management table for storing and holding said path information transmitted from said path-information transmission unit in each of said host computers,

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said I/O request unit issuing, to said disk device, said I/O request to which  
said I/O request unit has added said path identification information,  
said access control unit

extracting said path identification information from said I/O  
requests transmitted from said host computers, making reference to  
said path-information management table ~~thereby~~ to extract said host  
identification information corresponding to said path identification  
information extracted, and making reference to said access-right  
management table ~~thereby~~ to extract said I/O-enable/disable  
information with which said host identification information extracted  
coincides, and

judging ~~said execution enablement/disablement for whether to~~  
enable/disable said I/O requests to be executed on each host-  
computer's node basis.